



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Tucson Fire Department**

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### **K-9 "Keda"**

The Tucson Fire Department, Fire Cause Investigation Unit, has an investigative canine who effectively detects the presence of accelerants at fires. Investigative K-9 "Keda" is a 4-year-old female yellow lab. She and Investigator Tom Quesnel have attended training classes in Maine where they trained as a team with Maine Specialty dogs. The program is offered in conjunction with the Maine State Police. Keda is trained to sniff out ignitable liquids that may have been used to initiate a fire.

K-9 Keda is a 'food reward' dog, meaning - she only gets fed when she trains or detects accelerants. Therefore, we cannot feed or give treats to the dog. Keda and Investigator Quesnel will be training throughout the city and will respond to many fire scenes.

Keda is following in the paw prints of K-9 "Sully" who gave this Department 7 years of dedicated service.

Keda is a State Farm sponsored K-9.

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